

Welcome to Bridgewater Township Recreation Department! We encourage everyone to participate in our programs. We have a working relationship with the Somerset County Therapeutic Recreation Department (TR) allowing for recreation programs that can promote an active lifestyle that improves social, cognitive, emotional functioning and enhances participants' abilities. If your child has any special needs and may require a reasonable accommodation please note appropriately on the following registration form.

For Bridgewater-Raritan Residents - kindergarten to 8th grade (2006/2007 school year)



Bridgewater Recreation In-Town Soccer

Fall 2006 & Spring 2007 Registration Form!

Sign up for Fall & Spring together, Fall only or Spring only!

Fall 2006 Game Dates – Saturdays, September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11 & 18, 2006.
Registration Deadline for Fall Soccer - Monday, August 14, 2006.

Spring 2006 Game Dates – Saturdays, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, June 2, 9 & 16, 2007 (no soccer May 26th). **Registration Deadline for Spring Soccer - Monday, March 5, 2007.**

Any registration received by the Recreation Department after 5:00pm on the above deadline dates will be considered late. The registration will be placed on a waiting list with no guarantees of being placed on a team or receiving a mesh-shirt (1st to 8th) or t-shirt (kindergarten). If not placed a refund will be issued.

Three ways to register! In person at the Bridgewater Recreation Department (Municipal Building – 700 Garretson Road) 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, drop registration off in the “REC” mailbox located around back of the Municipal building before or after office hours, or via postal service. If mailing the registration form close to the deadlines (listed above), form must reach the Recreation Department on the above specified deadline date by 5:00pm. If form is received after specified deadlines, late payment will be required.

Kindergarten Soccer is for all Bridgewater-Raritan resident boys and girls attending kindergarten (2006/2007 school year). On Saturday afternoons the kindergarten soccer games for Bridgewater Recreation will be at Soccer Centers in Somerset! **To get to Soccer Centers** take I-287 to exit 12 at the end of the ramp make a left onto Weston Canal Road, at the first light make a left onto Cottontail Lane, go 7/10 of a mile and make a right onto Memorial Drive, Soccer Centers will be ahead at the end of the street - 300 Memorial Drive. What is Soccer Centers? It is the largest state of the art bubble of its kind in the tri-state area. A turf surface encompasses a total of 44,000 square foot area of playing space. At Soccer Centers our eight (8) week program will expose our kindergartners to non-competitive instructional games with training designed by Soccer Centers “European Level I” trainers. Trainers and coaches will work with the players during games assisting them in learning positions and maintaining spacing. Both coaches and players will have a better understanding of soccer, creating a foundation for future growth. Teams will be playing both inside (field turf) and outside (field turf) on the fields at Soccer Centers. Teams will need to be prepared to play on both surfaces each week (weather permitting). Games will never get canceled due to weather conditions and are played anywhere from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. Medals are provided by Soccer Centers at the end of each season!

1st Grade Soccer (new format - No More Rain Outs!) is for all Bridgewater-Raritan resident boys and girls currently in 1st grade (2006/2007 school year). On Saturday mornings the 1st grade soccer program will take place outside at Adamsville School (Route 28/Union Ave). The trainers from Soccer Centers will be on hand to referee games, site supervise, work with the participants and coaches to further their soccer skills and knowledge! Games are Saturdays anywhere from 8:30am to 2:00pm. In case of inclement weather, games will move to the late afternoon to be played inside at Soccer Centers (*directions above under kindergarten program*) or outside on their turf field! Game schedules will specify.

2nd to 8th Grade Soccer is for all Bridgewater-Raritan resident boys and girls currently in 2nd grade to 8th grade (2006/2007 school year). Games are on Saturdays outside anywhere from 8:30am to 2:00pm and will be played in Bridgewater Township and neighboring towns.

★ **General Information for all grades of Bridgewater Recreation In-Town Soccer...** ★

Practices for all grades will take place weekdays anywhere from 3:30pm to 7:30pm beginning the third week of September for the Fall season and the second week of April for the Spring season (weather permitting). All practices are held outdoors in the Bridgewater area. They are scheduled by the availability of the volunteer coaches and field availability, expect to travel. Participants will be contacted via their coach regarding program information prior to practices.

Teams are formulated by the Recreation Department. Boys and girls play on separate teams. Once child is placed on a team, there will be no switching for that season for any reason. Participants are not allowed to play in both the In-Town program and Traveling soccer. If there is a problem during the season with a coach or team, please contact Recreation immediately to handle the issue.

Equipment reversible mesh-shirts for grades 1st to 8th and t-shirts for kindergarten soccer are issued by the Recreation Department in the Fall and are to be worn in the Fall and Spring seasons. Only new Spring participants will receive a shirt. Need to replace your child's shirt or jersey? Quantities are limited but an extra shirt can be purchased for \$10.00. Stop by the Recreation Department. Requirement of the participants: shorts, shin guards, ball (*appropriate ball size - #3 for kindergarten, first & second; #4 for third & fourth and #5 for fifth, sixth, seventh & eighth grades*), cleats or sneakers. Please note: Participants are prohibited from wearing jewelry, earrings, or casts while taking part in any recreational program.

Interested in Volunteering? The Township of Bridgewater requires any and all volunteers for any program to be certified in the following two courses...

Rutgers Youth Sports Safety Orientation & Training Workshop

Mandatory for all volunteers of youth sports. Coaches and assistants who attend this workshop will be covered under the law, which provides immunity from civil damages. It is mandatory for all coaches and assistants participating in Township activities to become certified. The workshops will be held at the Bridgewater Senior Citizen Center on **Mondays, September 18, 2006, December 18, 2006 and Tuesday, April 10, 2007** from 6:30 to 10:00pm. No Cost to Bridgewater Township Recreation Coaches. This one time certification course includes participant receiving a book, reference manuals and certification card. If you are in need of certification and have a conflict with the above dates contact the Rutgers Youth Sports Research Council at (732) 932-7178 or visit their website at www.youthsports.rutgers.edu for other clinics in the area. Space is limited, registration is based on first come first serve at the Bridgewater Recreation Department, Bridgewater-Raritan resident coaches will be taken first before out of town coaches if course fills up. Pre-Register through the Bridgewater Recreation Department.

Mandatory Safety Background Checks – KidSafe

In the interest of the safety and welfare of Bridgewater Youth, the Bridgewater Township Council adopted a local ordinance (Township Ordinance #04-10) requiring criminal background checks for Bridgewater Township Recreation volunteer coaches. The ordinance requires all Bridgewater Township Recreation volunteer coaches to be fingerprinted through KidSafe so that state and federal criminal background checks can be conducted. Persons will not be eligible to coach youth sports programs sponsored by the Bridgewater Township Recreation Department unless they have passed a criminal background check. The next set of fingerprinting sessions will be held on **Wednesdays, September 27, 2006, January 10 and April 18, 2007** at the Bridgewater Senior Center from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Pre-Register through the Bridgewater Recreation Department. If you need to get fingerprinted and have a conflict with the above dates contact the Recreation Department.

Registration forms for the above courses can be obtained at www.bridgewaternj.gov. If you are planning to attend a Rutgers Clinic or KidSafe check outside of Bridgewater Township, pre-certification from the Bridgewater Recreation Department is required. Please call the Recreation Department during office hours for more information.

Bridgewater Recreation Department
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(908) 725-6373 office hours 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday www.bridgewaternj.gov

Bridgewater Recreation In-Town Soccer 2006-2007 Registration Form

If registering more than one child, separate checks and forms are required. Please print legibly.

Participants

Last _____ **First** _____ **Circle** _____
Name: _____ Name: _____

Gender: Male or Female

Mailing

Address: _____ **Town:** _____

Zip: _____

Home

Cell

Phone #: () _____ **Phone #:** () _____

Work

Email

Phone #: () _____

Address: _____

If the participant has individualized needs due to a disability, please check the following and someone will contact you regarding reasonable accommodations. ☐ Yes, I will need to be notified regarding special considerations for my child.

Circle Grade

2006/2007 School year: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Circle School Attending: (*if attending private school, circle Private and the local school the child would be attending)

Adamsville Bradley Gardens B.R.M.S. Crim Eisenhower Hamilton Hillside J.F.K. Milltown Van Holten Private*

Choose from one (1) of the three (3) registration options below, and the appropriate payment ☐...

**Both Fall 2006 & Spring
2007 Soccer Seasons
Registrations!**

September to November and April to June

Registration Deadline:
Monday, August 14, 2006

Participated **Spring 2006** Season?

☐ Yes or ☐ No

If yes, Coach/Team Played with/on **Spring 2006** Season?

If child did not play in **Spring 2006** season, did they play in the **Fall 2005** Season? If yes, coach/team:

☐ **Kindergarten Soccer** \$120.00 (\$125.00 late)
Bridgewater-Raritan Residents check payable to "Soccer Centers".

☐ **1st grade Soccer** Bridgewater Resident \$80.00 (\$90.00 late); Raritan Resident \$90.00 (\$100.00 late) check payable to "Bridgewater Township".

☐ Bridgewater Resident. **2nd to 8th Grade Soccer** \$60.00 (\$70.00 late), check payable to "Bridgewater Township".

☐ Raritan Resident. **2nd to 8th Grade Soccer** \$70.00 (\$80.00 late), check payable to "Bridgewater Township".

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☐ **Kindergarten Soccer** \$60.00 (\$65.00 late)
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☐ **1st grade Soccer** Bridgewater Resident \$40.00 (\$50.00 late); Raritan Resident \$45.00 (\$55.00 late) check payable to "Bridgewater Township".

☐ Bridgewater Resident. **2nd to 8th Grade Soccer** \$30.00 (\$40.00 late), check payable to "Bridgewater Township".

☐ Raritan Resident. **2nd to 8th Grade Soccer** \$35.00 (\$45.00 late), check payable to "Bridgewater Township".

**Spring 2007 Soccer Season
April to June
Registration Deadline:**
Monday, March 5, 2007

Participated **Fall 2006** Season?

☐ Yes or ☐ No

If yes, Coach/Team Played with/on **Fall 2006** Season?

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By checking below, it will be indicated on the team roster of interest!

All information regarding team placement is checked from past season's rosters for accuracy! This is a contact sport. Injuries may occur. Please note that Bridgewater Township Recreation Department does not provide individual medical coverage for its participants. Each participant will be covered under his/her family's medical policy. It is recommended that families have insurance before the child participates. The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel, alter, supplement, limit registration or change any other information. By signing this registration form, I as the parent/guardian understand that the Bridgewater Recreation Department has the right to place my child on a team that is in the best interest of the program. If I am not content with this situation, I am entitled to a refund before the first practice of the season.

_____/_____/_____
Parent/Guardian Signature

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mailed 6/06

Date



Bridgewater Township **requires all volunteers** to be both *Rutgers Certified* and *KidSafe* background checked, please Ω appropriately...

- ☐ I (☐ am or ☐ would like to be) a **head coach**.
- ☐ I (☐ am or ☐ would like to be) an **assistant coach**.
- ☐ I (☐ am or ☐ need to be) **Rutgers Certified**.
- ☐ Yes, fingerprinted/background checked with **KidSafe**!
- ☐ No, need to be checked by KidSafe.

☐ I've marked my calendar and am planning to attend an upcoming session of one or both of the above prerequisites to volunteer and pre-registration is required through the Bridgewater Recreation Department.